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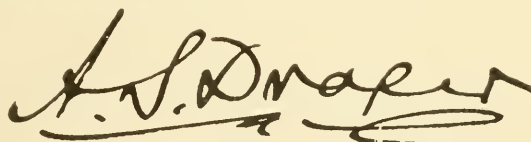
DEAR SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith and recommend for publication the annual report of the Chief of the Division of Educational Extension for the year ending September 30, 1907. This report covers the State work with public libraries, traveling libraries and study clubs.

Very respectfully

EDWIN H. ANDERSON
Director

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Approved for publication this 15th day of January, 1908.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. S. Draper', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish underneath.

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To the Director of the New York State Library:

As Chief of the Division of Educational Extension, I report on public libraries, traveling libraries and study clubs for the year ending September 30, 1907 as follows:

Organization, staff and expenditures

[The appointment of the Chief of Division dates from October 1, 1906 and the work was placed under the general supervision of the Director of the State Library by the Regents December 14, 1906.

The care and lending of pictures was transferred to the Division of Visual Instruction January 9, 1907, at which time E. May Greenman, clerk in charge of pictures, was transferred to that division.

Two junior clerks were also transferred October 1, 1906 to the Examinations Division and new appointments made in their places.

September 1, 1907 Myrtilla Avery, assistant in charge of traveling libraries and study clubs ended by resignation her devoted and effective service of nearly 15 years; a period which covers the

entire history of the State's connection with traveling libraries, study clubs, pictures and lantern slides, with all of which she was concerned from the beginning. Under her administration the system has been developed and put in operation by which the State supplies so generously these facilities for reading and study. Grace L. Betteridge, who for some years has been special assistant in charge of study clubs, succeeds to the duties of general assistant.

The expenditures for the year, aside from salaries, were as follows: 326 allotments to public libraries \$28,539.56; books, binding and pictures \$7504.82. In addition \$826.36 was spent for books from the special appropriation for traveling libraries for charitable institutions. Office expenses, printing, travel etc. were paid from the general appropriation for the Department.

Libraries under State supervision

Charters and transfers. During the year 1 absolute and 2 provisional library charters were granted, and 5 libraries previously acting under provisional charters received absolute charters. 3 charters were amended, 1 by a change of corporate name, the others in respect to the power of appointing successors to the trustees. 1 library transfer was approved and 1 library corporation was dissolved.

The following tables give details regarding each library:

Library charters Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907

No.	Postoffice	Corporate name	Volumes	Property
<i>Absolute charter</i>				
1	Olean.....	Olean Public Library.....	7 500	\$26 960 ..
<i>Provisional charters made absolute</i>				
1	Haines Falls....	Haines Falls Free Library..	1 780	2 060 55
2	Interlaken.....	Interlaken Free Library....	1 262	1 075 ..
3	Mayville.....	Tuesday Club Library.....	1 800	1 930 ..
4	Newark Valley..	Newark Valley Public Li- brary.....	1 500	1 898 ..
5	Nineveh.....	Nineveh Public Library....	1 307	1 385 ..
<i>Provisional charters for five years</i>				
1	Livingston.....	Livingston Free Library....	25	220 ..
2	Valley Falls....	Valley Falls Free Library....	.....	242 ..

Library charters Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907 (*concluded*)

No.	Postoffice	
<i>Charters amended</i>		
1	Bronxville.....	Charter of Bronxville Public Library amended so as to provide that the successors to its trustees shall be appointed by the board of trustees of the village of Bronxville
2	Essex.....	Charter of Essex Free Library amended by inserting after the words "Adaline M. Noble" the following words "with the right, by deed or will, to delegate such power of appointment in case of her death or inability to act"
3	Riverhead.....	Name of Northville Public Library changed to Sound Avenue Public Library

Library transfer approved Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907

No.	From	To	Volumes
1	New York, High Bridge Free Library.....	New York Public Library	1 342

Corporation dissolved

The High Bridge Free Library in New York, having been transferred to the New York Public Library, the corporation was dissolved by the Regents March 7, 1907.

Libraries in the University. The number of libraries holding University charters has been increased by 2. There are now 253 independent libraries in the University, 2 maintained by institutes and 1 by a museum.

Registered libraries. By action of the Regents 51 libraries and library branches were registered as maintaining a proper library standard. These were in charge of existing corporations or in two cases of boards of education. 42 of the branch libraries had been previously registered, but under different control. The net increase of registered libraries was 9, making the present total 150, which added to 256 chartered and admitted libraries, brings the whole number of libraries in direct relations with this division up to 406, an increase of 11 over the last year, of which 140 are in cities, 231 in other places of over 300 population, and 35 in places with less than 300 population.

Libraries registered Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907

No.	Postoffice	Name	Volumes	Property
1	Brooklyn.....	Brooklyn Public Library, Bay Ridge branch.....		
2	"	Brownsville branch.....		
3	"	Flatbush branch.....		
4	"	Fort Hamilton branch....		
5	"	New Utrecht branch.....		
6	"	Schermerhorn Street branch.....		
7	"	Tompkins Park branch...		
8	Cambridge.....	Cambridge Public Library..	5 647	\$12 092 68
9	Hoosick Falls...	Hoosick Falls Public Library	1 100	1 550 ..
10	Long Island City	Queens Borough Library Astoria branch.....		
11	"	Bayside branch.....		
12	"	Broadway branch.....		
13	"	Elmhurst branch.....		
14	"	Far Rockaway branch....		
15	"	Flushing branch.....		
16	"	Hollis branch.....		
17	"	Jamaica branch.....		
18	"	Nelson branch.....		
19	"	Ozone Park branch.....		
20	"	Poppenhusen branch.....		
21	"	Queens branch.....		
22	"	Richmond Hill branch...		
23	"	Steinway branch.....		
24	New York.....	New York Public Library, Aguilar branch.....		
25	"	Bloomingdale branch....		
26	"	Bond Street branch.....		
27	"	Chatham Sq. branch.....		
28	"	East Broadway branch...		
29	"	59th Street branch.....		
30	"	George Bruce branch.....		
31	"	Hamilton Grange branch..		
32	"	Harlem branch.....		
33	"	Harlem Library branch...		
34	"	High Bridge branch.....		
35	"	Hudson Park branch.....		
36	"	Jackson Sq. branch.....		
37	"	Library for the Blind....		
38	"	Muhlenberg branch.....		
39	"	Ottendorfer branch.....		
40	"	Riverside branch.....		
41	"	Rivington Street branch..		

Libraries registered Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907 (*concluded*)

No.	Postoffice	Name	Volumes	Property
42	New York.....	St Agnes branch.....	.....	.....
43	"	34th Street branch.....	.....	.....
44	"	Tompkins Sq. branch....	.....	.....
45	"	Tottenville branch.....	.....	.....
46	"	Washington Heights branch.....	.....	.....
47	"	Webster branch.....	.....	.....
48	"	Yorkville branch.....	.....	.....
49	"	Young Men's Christian As- sociation Library.....	40 500	\$35 600 ..
50	Rochester.....	University of Rochester Li- brary.....	46 000	.....
51	Sacket Harbor..	Hay Memorial Library.....	600	.....

Inspection

Libraries visited. During the year 321 libraries in 53 counties were visited by William R. Eastman, Chief of Division and Asa Wynkoop, Inspector. The former, in addition to 25 lectures to the State Library School in regular course, gave 3 public addresses in the interest of libraries and lectured 10 times at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and other library training classes.

Library round tables. The staff of the division cooperated with the New York Library Association, as in previous years, in planning and carrying on 29 small informal gatherings of librarians in different sections of the State, leaving no part unvisited, except in the City of New York where the same general purpose is reached by the local library clubs. The meetings were attended by 467 persons, representing 213 libraries, an increase of 65 persons and of 19 libraries as compared with the record of the previous year. The profit and interest of the meetings was continued.

Certificates of approved circulation. 22 certificates of approved circulation were issued to 19 libraries and 2 branches, and to the circulating department of the New York Public Library covering the work of 38 branches with 1 certificate.

Certificates of approved circulation Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907

No.	Name of library	Certified circulation for one year
1	Albany Free Library.....	30 000
2	Pine Hills branch.....	20 000
3	Albany, Union Free Library.....	60 000
4	Albany, Young Men's Association Library.....	78 000
5	Pruyn branch.....	73 000
6	Albany, Young Men's Christian Association Library.....	9 000
7	Amsterdam Free Library.....	47 500
8	Arcade Free Library.....	4 000
9	Elmira, Steele Memorial Library.....	47 500
10	Friendship Free Library.....	7 000
11	Massena Library	5 500
12	Montour Falls Memorial Library.....	7 000
13	Nassau Free Library.....	4 500
14	New Berlin Library.....	3 000
15	New York Public Library, Circulating Department.....	4 800 000
16	Seneca Falls, Mynderse Library.....	1 600
17	Seneca Falls, Mynderse Library.....	3 200
18	South Dansville, Ladies Free Library	1 400
19	South Dansville, Ladies Free Library	1 600
20	Tarrytown, Young Men's Lyceum Library.....	16 000
21	Tarrytown, Young Men's Lyceum Library.....	18 500
22	Troy Public Library.....	80 000

Money allotments

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 1907, 326 allotments of public library money were made. These were paid to 319 libraries and branches with two allotments to pay for select book lists distributed to free libraries. The sum paid was \$28,539.56, the State appropriation of \$28,000 having been slightly increased by a balance brought over from the previous year. The number of libraries receiving aid was 21 greater and the amount \$1539.38 greater than in the former year. The average paid to each library was \$89.46.

If funds had been sufficient to pay all approved applications up to \$200 as the rule allows, the total would have been \$35,139.56 or \$6600 in excess of the actual allotments. If the annual appropriation were increased by \$10,000 there is no question but that the full amount would be claimed by our libraries under the existing rule.

The following tables show monthly payments and amount given to each library.

Monthly public library allotments

Date	No. of allotments	Asked in sums of \$200 and less	Allotted in sums of \$100 and less
1906 — Oct. 2	25	\$2 650 ..	\$2 200 ..
Oct. 20	77	8 316 ..	7 466 ..
Nov. 28	23	2 258 59	2 058 59
Dec. 28	28	2 646 50	2 246 50
1907 — Jan. 29	22	1 984 93	1 784 93
Feb. 27	22	1 929 78	1 629 78
Mar. 29	56	8 946 ..	5 246 ..
Apr. 29	18	1 864 38	1 564 38
May 31	14	1 157 92	1 057 92
June 28	12	1 040 ..	1 040 ..
July 29	11	840 46	840 46
Sept. 18	18	1 505 ..	1 405 ..
Total	326	\$35 139 56	\$28 539 56

Libraries receiving allotments Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907

1 Adams Free Library.. \$100 ..	18 Ballston Spa Public Library..... 100 ..
2 Albany Free Library (2 branches)..... 200 ..	19 Bay Shore Free Library..... 100 ..
3 Albany (West) R. R. Y. M. C. A. Library. 100 ..	20 Bayville Free Library. 21 50
4 Albany, Young Men's Association Library (2 branches)..... 200 ..	21 Belfast Public Library. 100 ..
5 Albany, Y. M. C. A. Library..... 100 ..	22 Belleville, Philomathean Free Library. 100 ..
6 Albion, Swan Library. 100 ..	23 Belmont Literary & Historical Society Free Library..... 100 ..
7 Alden Free Library... 100 ..	24 Binghamton Public Library..... 100 ..
8 Alexandria Bay, Holland Library..... 50 ..	25 Bolivar Free Library.. 100 ..
9 Alfred University Library..... 100 ..	26 Bolton Free Library.. 100 ..
10 Allen's Hill Free Circulating Library.... 20 ..	27 Boonville, Erwin Library & Institute... 100 ..
11 Amsterdam Free Library..... 100 ..	28 Brewster Library..... 50 ..
12 Andover Free Library. 100 ..	29 Bridgehampton, Hampton Library..... 100 ..
13 Angelica Free Library. 100 ..	30 Bristol Free Library.. 25 ..
14 Arcade Free Library.. 100 ..	31 Brocton, Ahira Hall Memorial Library... 100 ..
15 Auburn, Seymour Library Association... 100 ..	32 Bronxville Public Library..... 100 ..
16 Aurora Public Library. 100 ..	33 Brooklyn Public Library (25 branches). 2 500 ..
17 Baiting Hollow Free Library..... 25 ..	

Libraries receiving allotments Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907 (*continued*)

34 Brooklyn, Children's Museum Library of Brooklyn Institute..	100 ..	61 Cornwall-on-Hudson Public Library.....	40 ..
35 Buffalo Catholic Insti- tute Library.....	100 ..	62 Coxsackie Free Library	100 ..
36 Buffalo Historical So- ciety Library.....	100 ..	63 Cuba Circulating Li- brary Association...	100 ..
37 Buffalo Public Library (3 branches).....	300 ..	64 Dansville Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
38 Buffalo, Grosvenor Public Library.....	100 ..	65 Dolgeville Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
39 Buffalo, University of Buffalo, Medical Dept. Library.....	100 ..	66 Dryden, Southworth Library.....	100 ..
40 Buffalo, Women's Edu- cational & Industrial Union Library.....	25 ..	67 Dunkirk Free Library.	100 ..
41 Cambridge Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	68 East Chatham Public Library.....	25 ..
42 Camden Library Asso- ciation.....	75 ..	69 East Rockaway Free Library.....	25 ..
43 Canaan Public Library.	200 ..	70 Elizabethtown Library Association.....	100 ..
44 Canandaigua, Wood Library Association.	100 ..	71 Ellenville Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
45 Canaseraga, Essential Club Free Library..	50 ..	72 Elmira, Steele Memo- rial Library.....	100 ..
46 Canastota Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	73 Essex Free Library...	100 ..
47 Canisteo, Wimodaugh- sian Free Library...	75 ..	74 Fairport Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
48 Canton Free Library..	100 ..	75 Fishers Island Library Association.....	100 ..
49 Carmel Literary Union.	50 ..	76 Frankfort Free Library	100 ..
50 Catskill Public Library	100 ..	77 Franklinville Free Li- brary.....	100 ..
51 Cazenovia Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	78 Fredonia, D. R. Barker Library Association.	100 ..
52 Chatham Public Li- brary.....	42 57	79 Friendship Free Li- brary.....	100 ..
53 Chazy Public Library.	71 63	80 Fulton Public Library.	100 ..
54 Chester Free Library..	50 ..	81 Geneseo, Wadsworth Library.....	100 ..
55 Claverack Free Library & Reading Room...	79 87	82 Geneva Free Library..	100 ..
56 Clayton Free Library..	100 ..	83 Ghent Public Library.	75 ..
57 Clinton, Kirkland Town Library.....	100 ..	84 Gilbertsville Free Li- brary.....	50 18
58 Cohoes City Library..	100 ..	85 Glen Cove Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
59 Corning Free Library..	100 ..	86 Glen Haven Public Li- brary.....	50 ..
60 Cornwall Public Li- brary.....	30 ..	87 Glens Falls, Crandall Free Library.....	100 ..

Libraries receiving allotments Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907 (*continued*)

88 Gloversville Free Li- brary.....	100 ..	115 Jordanville Public Li- brary.....	30 ..
89 Gouverneur Reading Room Association...	50 ..	116 Joshua's Rock, Moun- tainside Free Library	60 ..
90 Gowanda Free Library.	100 ..	117 Keene Valley Public Library.....	68 72
91 Grahamsville, Daniel Pierce Library.....	50 ..	118 Kenka College & Insti- tute Library.....	100 ..
92 Granville Free Library.	100 ..	119 Kingston City Library.	100 ..
93 Greenwich Free Li- brary.....	50 ..	120 Lake Placid Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
94 Griffin Corners, Skene Library Association.	100 ..	121 Lewiston Free Library.	100 ..
95 Groton Public Library.	100 ..	122 Liberty Public Library	37 89
96 Haines Falls Free Li- brary.....	50 ..	123 Liverpool Public Li- brary.....	100 ..
97 Hamburg Free Library	25 ..	124 Livingston Free Li- brary.....	100 ..
98 Hamilton, Colgate Uni- versity Library.....	100 ..	125 Lodi Whittier Library.	100 ..
99 Hamilton Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	126 Long Island City, Queens Borough Li- brary (14 branches).	1 400 ..
100 Hammondsport Public Library.....	100 ..	127 Lowville Free Library.	200 ..
101 Haverstraw, Kings Daughters Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	128 Madalin, Tivoli Public Library.....	100 ..
102 Herkimer Free Library	100 ..	129 Marathon, Peck Me- morial Library.....	100 ..
103 Highland Falls Library	64 ..	130 Massapequa, De Lan- cey Floyd-Jones Free Library.....	100 ..
104 Hill View Free Library.	50 ..	131 Massena Library.....	100 ..
105 Homer, Phillips Free Library.....	100 ..	132 Mattituck Free Library	100 ..
106 Honeoye Public Li- brary.....	65 ..	133 Mayville, Tuesday Club Library.....	100 ..
107 Hoosick Falls Public Library.....	100 ..	134 Mellenville Public Li- brary.....	30 ..
108 Hornell Library Asso- ciation.....	100 ..	135 Middletown Library...	100 ..
109 Hunter Public Library.	40 ..	136 Millbrook Free Library	100 ..
110 Ilion District Library..	100 ..	137 Milton, Sarah Hull Hal- lock Free Library...	60 ..
111 Interlaken Free Li- brary.....	75 ..	138 Montour Falls Memo- rial Library.....	100 ..
112 Irvington, Guiteau Li- brary.....	100 ..	139 Moravia, Powers Li- brary.....	100 ..
113 Jamestown, James Prendergast Library Association.....	100 ..	140 Morristown Public Li- brary.....	50 ..
114 Johnstown Public Li- brary.....	100 ..	141 Morrisville Library....	50 ..
		142 Mount Vernon Public Library.....	100 ..

^aFor two years.

Libraries receiving allotments Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907 (*continued*)

143	Nanuet Public Library	15 ..	168	Palmyra Kings Daugh-	
144	Nassau Free Library..	28 ..		ters Free Library...	100 ..
145	New Berlin Library...	50 ..	169	Patchogue Library....	100 ..
146	New Hampton, Denton		170	Penn Yan Public Li-	
	Library.....	100 ..		brary.....	100 ..
147	New Rochelle Public		171	Piermont Free Library	100 ..
	Library.....	100 ..	172	Pine Bush Library....	100 ..
148	New York, Bryson Li-		173	Pine Plains Free Li-	
	brary, Teachers Col-			brary.....	50 ..
	lege.....	100 ..	174	Plattsburg Public Li-	
149	New York, Hudson			brary.....	100 ..
	Guild Library.....	100 ..	175	Port Henry, Sherman	
150	New York Public Li-			Free Library.....	100 ..
	brary (36 branches). 3	600 ..	176	Port Jervis Free Li-	
151	New York, Y. M. B. A.			brary.....	100 ..
	Free Circulating Li-		177	Portchester Library...	100 ..
	brary.....	100 ..	178	Portville Free Library	50 ..
152	New York, Y. M. C. A.		179	Potsdam Public Li-	
	Library.....	100 ..		brary & Reading	
153	New York, Young			Room.....	100 ..
	Men's Hebrew Asso-		180	Red Hook Public Li-	
	ciation Library....	100 ..		brary.....	80 ..
154	New York, Y. W. C. A.		181	Remsen, Didymus	
	Free Circulating Li-			Thomas Library....	30 ..
	brary.....	100 ..	182	Rensselaer, Bath-on-	
155	Newark Free Public			Hudson Public Li-	
	Library.....	100 ..		brary.....	100 ..
156	Newark Valley Public		183	Rensselaer City Li-	
	Library.....	100 ..		brary.....	100 ..
157	Niagara Falls Public		184	Richfield Springs Pub-	
	Library.....	100 ..		lic Library.....	14 92
158	Nineveh Public Li-		185	Riverhead Free Li-	
	brary.....	25 ..		brary.....	100 ..
159	North Easton, Burton		186	Riverhead, Roanoke	
	Library.....	50 ..		Public Library....	25 ..
160	North Tonawanda Pub-		187	Riverhead, Sound Ave-	
	lic Library.....	100 ..		nue Public Library.	100 ..
161	Nyack Library.....	100 ..	188	Rochester, University	
162	Olean Public Library..	100 ..		of Rochester Library	100 ..
163	Oneonta Public Li-		189	Rockville Center Pub-	
	brary.....	100 ..		lic Library.....	100 ..
164	Ossining Public Li-		190	Rome, Jervis Library	
	brary.....	100 ..		Association.....	100 ..
165	Oswego State Normal		191	Round Lake, Woman's	
	School Library....	100 ..		Round Lake Im-	
166	Oxford Memorial Li-			provement Society	
	brary.....	100 ..		Library.....	50 ..
167	Oyster Bay Free Li-		192	Rouses Point Dodge	
	brary.....	100 ..		Memorial Library...	100 ..

Libraries receiving allotments Oct. 1, 1906-Sept. 30, 1907 (concluded)

193 Roxbury Library.....	25 ..	221 Valley Falls Free Li-	
194 Sacket Harbor, Hay		brary.....	100 ..
Memorial Library...	100 ..	222 Valois Free Library...	50 ..
195 St Johnsville Free Li-		223 Vernon Public Library	50 ..
brary.....	30 ..	224 Walden Public Library	100 ..
196 Salem, Bancroft Public		225 Walton, William B.	
Library.....	100 ..	Ogden Free Library.	100 ..
197 Saugerties Public Li-		226 Warrensburg, Richards	
brary.....	100 ..	Library.....	100 ..
198 Schenectady Free Pub-		227 Warsaw Public Library	100 ..
lic Library.....	100 ..	228 Waterford Public Li-	
199 Schenectady, U n i o n		brary.....	100 ..
College Library.....	100 ..	229 Waterloo Library &	
200 Schuylerville Free Li-		Historical Society...	100 ..
brary.....	100 ..	230 Watertown, Roswell P.	
201 Scio Free Library.....	100 ..	Flower Memorial Li-	
202 Sea Cliff Public Library	100 ..	brary.....	100 ..
203 Seneca Falls, Mynderse		231 Waterville Public Li-	
Library.....	100 ..	brary.....	100 ..
204 Shelter Island Public		232 Watkins Public Li-	
Library.....	100 ..	brary.....	100 ..
205 Sherburne Public Li-		233 Waverly High School	
brary.....	100 ..	Library.....	100 ..
206 Sidney Public Library.	100 ..	234 Wellsville Public Li-	
207 Solvay Public Library.	100 ..	brary.....	100 ..
208 South Dansville, La-		235 West Chazy, Dodge Li-	
adies' Free Library ..	6 ..	brary.....	100 ..
209 Southampton, Rogers		236 West Winfield Free Li-	
Memorial Library...	100 ..	brary.....	50 ..
210 Southold Free Library.	100 ..	237 Westfield, Patterson	
211 Springfield Free Li-		Library.....	100 ..
brary.....	10 ..	238 Westhampton Free Li-	
212 Springville Public Li-		brary.....	60 ..
brary.....	100 ..	239 Westport Library As-	
213 Stockton, Mary E. Sey-		sociation.....	50 ..
mour Memorial Free		240 Whallonsburg Public	
Library.....	25 ..	Library.....	17 75
214 Syracuse Public Li-		241 Yonkers, Woman's In-	
brary (2 branches)..	200 ..	stitute Library.....	100 ..
215 Tonawanda Public Li-		242 Yonkers Public Li-	
brary.....	100 ..	brary.....	100 ..
216 Troy Public Library...	100 ..	243 American Library As-	
217 Troy, Young Women's		sociation for Book	
Association Library.	51 ..	Lists for distribution	
218 Tuxedo Park Library .	100 ..	to free libraries.....	35 53
219 Union Springs, Spring-			
port Free Library..	100 ..		
220 Utica Public Library..	100 ..		

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Support of free libraries. Of the 406 public libraries connected with this division, 319 received money from the State for buying books, at an average of \$89.46 each. 31 which received money in 1906 did not apply in 1907.

The reports of this year show 245 of these libraries receiving money from local taxation. As compared with 238 a year ago this registers a very slight gain, but 161 approved free libraries, as compared with 157 a year ago, are still without public recognition and support.

Out of 46 cities, 7 paid nothing from taxation for free libraries. 5 others paid less than \$1000 each; 4 of them less than \$500. The total amount provided by tax in the cities of the State for free libraries was \$1,102,095.47, an increase for the year of \$77,009, with one new city, Port Jervis, added to the list. The increase for the city of New York alone was \$46,074.58. The total for that city was \$827,254.17.

The following table presents a summary of the work of the division for public libraries since 1892.

Statistics of work for public libraries 1892-1907

Year ending Sept. 30	LIBRARIES				Transfers	Certificates of ap- proved circulation	Visits of inspection	ALLOTMENTS	
	Chartered	Admitted	Registered	Total				No.	Amount
1892.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1893.....	25	2	.....	27	20	.....	55	40	\$6 341 74
1894.....	26	6	1	33	14	3	62	62	10 351 92
1895.....	24	10	20	54	18	6	115	86	14 399 03
1896.....	23	3	15	41	15	18	134	92	13 746 44
1897.....	17	1	20	38	4	22	115	146	24 254 51
1898.....	11	.....	9	20	2	26	104	154	24 536 66
1899.....	21	1	15	37	1	31	140	183	29 292 32
1900.....	25	1	7	33	4	74	141	173	26 891 43
1901.....	23	.....	13	36	7	55	151	200	19 599 51
1902.....	34	.....	11	45	14	55	309	243	22 767 49
1903.....	22	.....	5	27	7	43	330	245	21 704 17
1904.....	21	.....	11	32	5	37	408	281	24 048 14
1905.....	18	.....	13	31	8	23	209	271	24 239 91
1906.....	17	.....	10	27	3	10	363	308	27 000 18
1907.....	8	.....	51	59	1	22	321	326	28 539 56
Duplicates and withdrawn....	84	1	51	136	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	233	23	150	406	123	425	2 957	2 810	\$317 713 01

Traveling libraries

Number of volumes. The number of volumes September 30, 1907 was 82,880, distributed as follows:

Libraries for general reading in fixed collections.....	8 385
Subject libraries in fixed collections.....	1 308
General lending collection.....	73 187

During the year there were added 4804 volumes of which 375 were used for fixed collections and the remainder for the general lending collection. There are now 61 selections for general reading in fixed groups, of which 2 were added during the year, library no. 60 consisting of 50 volumes for adults and no. 61 of 25 volumes for young people.

Use. There were sent out in traveling libraries during the year 40,377 books in response to 779 applications, as shown in the following table:

Loans of traveling libraries

TO WHOM LENT	Number of libraries lent	Number of volumes sent
1 Groups of taxpayers.....	28	2 380
2 Public libraries.....	32	2 318
3 Public schools.....	83	6 039
4 Study clubs.....	436	19 900
5 House libraries.....	122	1 197
6 Charitable institutions.....	19	2 125
7 Other organizations.....	59	6 418
Total.....	779	40 377

The public libraries, public schools and charitable institutions had scarcely one fourth of these books, while three fourths or 29,895 volumes, were sent to groups 1, 4, 5 and 7 in 303 places.

Dividing these 303 places as having or not having a public library, we find that 137 places having a public library received 16,691 volumes and that 166 places without public libraries had 13,204 volumes.

Taxpayers and public libraries. The groups of taxpayers represent in each case the rural communities in which there are no public libraries. To these as well as to the public libraries the books lent are either the fixed groups with printed finding lists or the libraries selected from approved lists, which must contain not over 50% fiction. The carefully selected fixed libraries are

recommended. Other loans to public libraries have been, miscellaneous groups, not fiction, to supplement their own collections; selected libraries for the use of study clubs; special subject libraries as one on good roads selected for and sent to Kingston on request of the librarian.

The librarian also frequently acts as custodian for books sent to clubs, though all the arrangements about the books have been made by the club.

Schools. The loans to schools are mainly libraries for supplementary reading in the courses in English literature, history, science, nature study, and libraries made up of books on pedagogy and psychology sent to teachers training classes.

Individual loans to teachers are made through the State Library and no separate record is kept. A few district schools have applied, choosing books designated in the Elementary Syllabus and others for general reading. In one case at least a partial selection has been made for the community at large.

Study clubs. During the past year there have been registered 77 clubs, bringing the total number to 842. Of these 411 have reported approved courses of study. Clubs thus reporting are entitled to borrow books from the State Library and photographs and slides from the Division of Visual Instruction. Other clubs have not this privilege.

There has been a direct effort made to ascertain whether clubs were availing themselves of the advantages of the local library before applying to the State. In many cases the librarian and the club have been working together, in some independently, while in others the librarian has himself borrowed books for the club.

Art, Shakspeare, Italy, the Netherlands, England, Scotland and Scandinavia are subjects of perennial interest, so that as far as possible our collection is kept up to date in these subjects. In other lines, new books are bought only to meet the demand.

Germany, which fell behind last year, is again to the fore, necessitating the purchase of many additional volumes, while an increased interest in Mexico has involved a new investment there. Comparatively few clubs have this year applied for books on sociology.

A few clubs whose courses have not met the requirements for registration have also received libraries. These libraries are sent out in the winter, after the needs of the regularly registered courses have been met, and are made up of books left on our shelves.

House libraries. There has been an increased demand for the loan of 10 books to individuals. A few of these go to farmers and farmers' wives, chiefly through the influence of the Cornell School of Agriculture. The majority of them are sent to ministers, teachers and students wishing to carry out a special course of study.

Charitable institutions. The appropriation of \$1200 for traveling libraries for State charitable institutions was continued last year and 2125 volumes were lent to the following:

- Western House of Refuge for Women, Albion
- State School for the Blind, Batavia
- Reformatory for Women, Bedford
- Training School for Girls, Hudson
- Thomas Indian School, Iroquois
- State Custodial Asylum, Newark
- Women's Relief Corps Home, Oxford
- Industrial School, Rochester
- State Custodial Asylum, Rome
- Institution for Feeble-minded Children, Syracuse
- Hospital for Crippled and Deformed Children, West Haverstraw

The plan provides for changing the books every six months, but the time limit is not insisted upon if the institution wishes to keep the books longer. The selection of books is made in each case by the Division of Educational Extension, but is based on lists or suggestions received from the various institutions. The superintendent of each institution is asked to designate one of the employees to act as librarian.

Other organizations. In this group are included libraries lent to granges, Young Men's Christian Associations, Sunday schools, etc. on application of the responsible officer. Agricultural books are bought for granges when desired, but with this exception these libraries are made up from books not in demand by regularly registered borrowers.

Library progress

Comparative summaries. In the following table, totals of reports made to the Department by 1282 libraries of 200 volumes or more are compared with totals of similar reports since 1892.

The column of circulation includes not only free public circulation but the issue of books to subscribers, members, students or other limited classes of borrowers.

Comparative summary of all libraries reporting 1893-1907

YEAR	NO. OF LIBRARIES	VOLUMES		CIRCULATION
		Added	Total	
1893.....	600	225 195	3 851 943	3 136 602
1894.....	704	246 751	4 133 378	3 619 178
1895.....	723	258 741	4 302 999	4 156 744
1896.....	806	296 498	4 647 661	5 008 402
1897.....	869	324 687	4 934 889	5 814 470
1898.....	938	373 615	5 393 106	7 248 249
1899.....	985	441 964	5 846 519	8 372 333
1900.....	1 035	483 551	6 217 980	8 760 678
1901.....	1 137	616 941	6 796 241	10 227 735
1902.....	1 137	464 751	6 975 540	10 984 625
1903.....	1 160	435 898	7 415 376	11 839 828
1904.....	1 140	456 904	7 700 367	12 219 458
1905.....	1 243	488 996	8 164 686	13 266 779
1906.....	1 266	552 292	8 890 485	14 902 359
1907.....	1 282	558 331	9 355 121	16 575 161

In the next table, the statistics of free lending libraries only are given. These include 281 school libraries reported free to the public, but not registered as public libraries. Reports from a few public libraries are lacking.

Free lending libraries 1893-1907

YEAR	LIBRARIES		CIRCULATION			
	No.	Volumes	Total	Per day	Per 1000 popula- tion	Per 100 vol.
1893.....	238	849 995	2 293 861	6 285	352	269
1894.....	293	1 049 869	2 766 973	7 581	425	263
1895.....	309	1 127 199	3 146 405	8 620	483	279
1896.....	351	1 313 299	3 933 623	10 777	604	300
1897.....	375	1 446 874	4 904 793	13 438	753	339
1898.....	408	1 755 036	6 439 999	17 644	989	367
1899.....	431	1 979 319	7 395 527	20 262	1 135	373
1900.....	460	2 187 125	8 452 445	23 157	1 163	387
1901.....	529	2 425 260	9 232 697	25 350	1 270	381
1902.....	550	2 598 472	10 063 703	27 571	1 385	387
1903.....	555	2 804 628	10 897 126	29 855	1 500	390
1904.....	573	3 108 365	11 347 802	31 089	1 561	365
1905.....	655	3 437 876	12 086 816	33 115	1 663	352
1906.....	678	3 645 662	13 835 639	37 906	1 715	380
1907.....	661	3 782 609	14 968 722	41 010	1 855	396

Growth. The libraries reporting were 1282, or 16 more than the previous year. The additions of new books were 6039 more. The total number of volumes was increased by 464,636 or 5% and their circulation by 1,672,802 or 11%, reaching the large total of 16,575,161.

The table of free lending libraries shows a decrease for the year of 17, but an increase of 136,947 volumes or nearly 4% and an advance of 1,133,083 in circulation or 8%, an average daily increase of 3104.

The total free circulation was 14,968,722, a daily average of 41,010 and about 1.85 volumes for each inhabitant of the State. Each book was issued on an average almost 4 times. In New York City the average circulation was $6\frac{1}{2}$ times the number of books.

Libraries in cities. In the 46 cities of the State, containing by the census of 1905, 5,710,370 inhabitants or 70% of the total population of the State there are 2,634,689 books in the free circulating libraries, or an average of 100 books for every 216 inhabitants. In 11 cities, including New York, the supply of books is below this average. In 35 cities it is above the average. The library circulation in cities was 12,838,055, a gain of 1,096,482 or 9% for the year. As compared with population this circulation was at the rate of $2\frac{1}{4}$ books for each inhabitant. As compared with the books available, every 100 books were issued 487 times. In this respect New York City is above the average.

While the city circulation was 12,838,055 for 5,710,370 inhabitants, the circulation outside of cities for 2,356,938 inhabitants was 2,130,667. This indicates that 70% of the population of the State living in cities use 86% of the books, and it is still true as stated a year ago, that while in the cities each inhabitant had 2 books, in the country each had less than 1.

The table which follows shows that the cities vary greatly in the public provision made for free libraries. There are 7 cities, Corning, Cortland, Geneva, Hudson, Jamestown, Rochester and Watervliet which report nothing paid by taxation for this purpose. Cortland has a subscription library free for reference. The others have free libraries supported by endowment or gifts, or occasional taxation in other years. Cohoes paid \$300, Ithaca \$200, Oneida \$360.04 and Tonawanda \$400, Oswego \$750. Other cities paid \$1000 or more.

Free libraries in cities 1907

CITY	Population in 1905	Volumes in free libraries	Circulation	Library taxation for 1907	Tax per vol. of circulation
Albany.....	98 374	60 857	291 271	\$11 900 ..	\$.04 ₃
Amsterdam.....	23 943	8 862	53 558	2 500 ..	.04 ₃
Auburn.....	31 422	51 430	59 333	4 000 ..	.06 ₇
Binghamton.....	42 036	18 683	106 853	10 000 ..	.09 ₁
Buffalo.....	376 587	232 255	1 201 829	78 307 75	.06 ₂
Cohoes.....	24 183	5 065	22 130	300 ..	.01 ₃
Corning.....	13 515	10 863	15 082	.....	.....
Cortland.....	11 272	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	15 250	8 459	41 699	3 000 ..	.07 ₁
Elmira.....	34 687	12 339	46 974	5 500 ..	.11 ₄
Fulton.....	8 847	5 728	20 123	1 875 ..	.09 ₃
Geneva.....	12 249	11 170	12 201	.....	.....
Gloversville.....	18 672	24 525	52 096	5 000 ..	.09 ₃
Hornell.....	13 259	14 543	23 832	1 500 ..	.06 ₁
Hudson.....	10 290	5 472	15 875	.....	.....
Ithaca.....	14 615	a24 401	a44 015	a200 ..	.00 ₁
Jamestown.....	26 160	31 364	101 331	.....	.....
Johnstown.....	9 845	14 668	42 490	2 500 ..	.05 ₄
Kingston.....	25 556	7 577	40 805	3 000 ..	.07 ₃
Little Falls.....	11 122	8 150	20 413	?	?
Lockport.....	17 552	9 285	41 571	1 100 ..	.02 ₃
Middletown.....	14 516	11 752	57 548	3 200 ..	.05 ₃
Mount Vernon...	25 006	18 457	106 608	6 950 ..	.06 ₂
Newburgh.....	26 498	37 086	86 522	2 012 26	.02 ₁
New Rochelle.....	20 480	20 229	107 027	9 350 ..	.08 ₃
New York.....	4 013 781	1 456 435	9 029 067	827 254 17	.09 ₂
Manhattan.....	2 112 380	762 545	5 407 612	446 853 87	.08 ₄
Bronx.....	271 630	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn.....	1 358 686	603 148	3 111 182	322 181 ..	.10 ₂
Queens.....	198 240	90 742	510 273	58 219 30	.11 ₂
Richmond.....	72 845	b	b	b	.....
Niagara Falls....	26 560	17 230	70 989	7 800 ..	.11
N. Tonawanda....	10 157	8 065	28 203	2 500 ..	.08 ₃
Ogdensburg.....	13 179	14 736	27 632	2 000 ..	.07 ₄
Olean.....	10 163	6 824	30 120	3 000 ..	.09 ₃
Oneida.....	8 420	6 195	8 306	360 04	.04 ₃
Oswego.....	22 572	16 478	10 933	750 ..	.06 ₉
Plattsburg.....	10 184	7 825	42 192	1 036 25	.03 ₃
Port Jervis.....	9 695	15 199	33 706	3 200 ..	.09 ₂
Poughkeepsie...	25 379	43 187	92 369	11 000 ..	.11 ₄
Rensselaer.....	10 715	5 392	25 307	1 000 ..	.04
Rochester.....	181 666	60 365	31 444	.....	.....
Rome.....	16 562	14 159	36 195	1 500 ..	.04 ₇
Schenectady.....	58 387	18 160	98 588	5 000 ..	.05
Syracuse.....	117 503	146 131	180 598	38 000 ..	.21
Tonawanda.....	7 904	5 765	13 343	400 ..	.03 ₂
Troy.....	76 910	42 481	89 914	2 500 ..	.02 ₆
Utica.....	62 934	47 444	141 186	20 000 ..	.14 ₆
Watertown.....	25 447	22 473	71 586	7 000 ..	.09 ₃
Watervliet.....	14 600	1 818	?	?	?
Yonkers.....	61 716	25 107	165 191	15 000 ..	.09
Total.....	5 710 370	2 634 689	12 838 055	\$1 102 095 47	\$.08 ₃

a For 1906.

b Included in Manhattan and Bronx Boroughs.

c For 2 years.

New York City. The next table gives the names of the free circulating libraries in the City of New York with the volumes and circulation of each for the year past. In the boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond, which are grouped together because the New York Public Library extends its work over these three boroughs, the free circulation reached 5,407,612 volumes of which 5,090,555 came from the branches of New York Public Library and 317,057 from libraries privately supported. The increased circulation for the year was 327,733 or 6½%. The total for Brooklyn was 3,111,182 volumes of circulation, an increase for the year of 365,355 or 13%. Here the circulation of privately sustained libraries was 184,086. In Queens borough the circulation reached 510,273 volumes, a gain for the year of 164,910 or 47%. The total circulation for the city was 9,029,067 volumes, an increase of 857,998 or 10%.

After correcting an error in the report of last year, the present reports show an increase of 18,569 books in Queens borough. In Brooklyn the books increased by 36,025 and in Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond by 24,496.

The New York Public Library now has in its 39 circulating branches 593,881 books in addition to 981,193 volumes in the Astor and Lenox branches, its 2 great libraries of reference, a total of 1,575,074 books under control of one library board. The Brooklyn Public Library has in its 25 branches 510,514 books and the Queens Borough Public Library has 88,942.

Besides the 3 borough libraries there are 3 large free libraries privately sustained; the Young Women's Christian Association in New York with 33,317 books and circulating 82,278, the library of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen with 99,415 volumes, circulating 52,188 and the Pratt Institute Free Library in Brooklyn with 89,196 books and circulating 171,020. There is one smaller library in East Broadway, New York, that of the Young Men's Benevolent Association which, with only 5213 books reports a circulation of 132,661. There are 10 more free libraries in the city which go to swell the great total of 1,456,435 books, a gain of 56,503 or 4% for the year.

The City of New York paid \$827,254.17 last year for the operation of its free libraries, besides much larger amounts expended for library buildings. This was an increase of \$46,074.58 over the expenditures of the previous year for the same purpose.

New branch libraries have been opened in the city as follows :
New York Public Library

St George branch in Richmond Borough

Stapleton " "

Queens Borough Public Library

Jamaica branch

Whitestone "

Seven new library buildings have been occupied in the city during the year.

Volumes and circulation of free lending libraries in New York City

July 1, 1906-June 30, 1907

NAME OF LIBRARY	VOLUMES	CIRCULATION
<i>Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond</i>		
New York Public Library, Circulating Department (39 branches).....	593 881	5 090 555
Young Men's Benevolent Association Free Circulating Library.....	5 213	132 661
Young Women's Christian Association Free Circulating Library.....	33 317	82 278
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen Library	99 415	52 188
Union Settlement Library.....	2 758	16 050
Hudson Guild Library.....	2 343	10 988
De Witt Memorial Library.....	2 408	10 206
Madison Square Church House Library.....	3 784	9 457
Foreign Missions Library	9 128	1 901
Riverdale Library Association.....	2 833	1 328
New Brighton, Staten Island Academy Library.....	7 405	?
Total.....	762 545	5 407 612
<i>Brooklyn</i>		
Brooklyn Public Library (25 branches).....	510 514	2 927 096
Pratt Institute Free Library.....	89 196	171 020
Hartnett Free Library.....	2 000	9 000
Public School No. 119 Library.....	1 438	4 066
Total.....	603 148	3 111 182
<i>Queens</i>		
Queens Borough Library (15 branches).....	88 942	508 948
Jamaica High School Library.....	1 800	1 325
Total.....	90 742	510 273
<i>Summary</i>		
Boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond.....	762 545	5 407 612
Borough of Brooklyn.....	603 148	3 111 182
" Queens.....	90 742	510 273
Total.....	1 456 435	9 029 067

Libraries in villages. Another table gives the library books, circulation and taxation in 27 villages of the State containing more than 5000 population and this again is followed by a similar table for 93 villages of less than 5000 and more than 2000 population. In every case in which the village high school library is reported free for circulation it is counted among the free libraries though the cost of the school library, not being separated from other school expenses, is not included in the column of taxation.

Free libraries in villages of over 5000 population, 1907

VILLAGE	Population	Volumes in library	Circulation	Library tax
Albion.....	5 174	12 747	38 382	\$1 000 ..
Batavia.....	10 080	14 058	41 442	a.....
Canandaigua.....	7 332	11 248	27 635	a400 ..
Catskill.....	5 294	7 109	22 724	1 780 ..
Fredonia.....	5 148	8 756	29 647	500 ..
Glens Falls.....	14 650	10 700	30 405	1 000 ..
Haverstraw.....	6 182	4 637	12 730	.....
Herkimer.....	6 596	10 679	25 237	1 200 ..
Hoosick Falls.....	5 251	2 325	7 231	545 ..
Ilion.....	5 924	14 520	48 121	2 000 ..
Malone.....	6 478	8 990	14 460	350 ..
Mamaroneck.....	5 090	.....	.....	.....
Matteawan.....	5 584	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicville.....	5 877	6 600	7 000	a.....
Medina.....	5 114	2 000	1 700	a.....
Norwich.....	7 115	7 138	22 770	1 000 ..
Oneonta.....	8 054	9 039	26 785	1 200 ..
Ossining.....	7 135	4 471	18 237	1 536 ..
Oswego.....	5 010	16 478	10 933	a750 ..
Peekskill.....	13 200	8 317	15 204	.....
Port Chester.....	11 198	2 802	15 117	.....
Salamanca.....	5 455	3 704	6 012	a.....
Sandy Hill.....	5 321	3 580	2 258	a.....
Saratoga Springs.....	12 999	4 324	10 265	671 18
Seneca Falls.....	6 733	5 258	8 984	480 ..
Tarrytown.....	5 370	10 126	22 310	a1 200 ..
White Plains.....	11 579	9 907	52 629	2 460 ..

a Not including tax for school library.

Free libraries in villages 2000-5000 population, 1907

VILLAGE	Population	Volumes in library	Circulation	Library tax
Addison.....	2 027	3 983	3 000	\$275 ..
Amityville.....	2 429	838	1 072	a.....
Athens.....	2 015	.....	.....	.....
Babylon.....	2 357	.....	.....	.....
Baldwinsville.....	2 961	1 735	2 090	a.....
Ballston Spa.....	4 131	2 438	6 443	300 ..
Bath.....	3 695	7 449	4 567	.....
Brockport.....	3 627	.....	.....	.....
Camden.....	2 420	5 702	20 459	a500 ..
Canajoharie.....	2 224	4 425	3 242	a.....
Canastota.....	3 244	5 309	13 770	1 200 ..
Canton.....	3 083	4 942	19 690	500 ..
Carthage.....	3 404	1 728	?	a.....
Chatham.....	2 090	5 754	8 187	1 206 07
Clyde.....	2 552	.....	.....	.....
Cobleskill.....	2 158	2 065	985	a.....
Cold Spring.....	2 339	1 765	1 800	a.....
Cooperstown.....	2 446	5 742	8 500	a.....
Corinth.....	2 186	1 573	4 100	a.....
Coxsackie.....	2 940	900	4 000	a.....
Dansville.....	3 908	5 283	21 416	250 ..
Depew.....	3 535	.....	.....	.....
Deposit.....	2 136	.....	.....	.....
Dobbs Ferry.....	3 515	.....	.....	.....
Dolgeville.....	2 245	3 250	8 545	.....
East Randolph.....	2 448	740	480	a.....
East Syracuse.....	2 996	.....	.....	.....
Ellenville.....	2 872	5 226	26 266	500 ..
Fairport.....	2 598	1 968	7 259	250 ..
Fishkill Landing.....	3 939	.....	.....	.....
Fort Edward.....	3 806	2 600	4 000	a.....
Fort Plain.....	2 596	2 226	4 119	200 ..
Frankfort.....	2 870	3 211	10 672	300 ..
Freeport.....	4 012	3 043	6 835	350 ..
Geneseo.....	2 245	10 280	12 807	.....
Goshen.....	3 099	1 955	570	a.....
Gouverneur.....	4 229	.....	.....	.....
Gowanda.....	2 063	2 324	8 442	.....
Granville.....	3 864	3 418	10 853	a.....
Green Island.....	4 878	.....	.....	.....
Greenport.....	2 667	.....	.....	.....
Hastings-on-Hudson.....	3 060	.....	.....	.....
Hempstead.....	4 145	.....	.....	.....
Highland Falls.....	2 992	2 495	6 998	.....
Homer.....	2 536	5 312	12 201	a750 ..
Irvington.....	2 480	6 150	18 129	1 250 ..
Lancaster.....	3 853	.....	.....	.....
Leroy.....	3 395	3 000	4 050	.....
Lestershire.....	4 035	.....	.....	.....
Liberty.....	2 124	2 217	3 283	100 ..
Lowville.....	2 519	2 451	15 958	.....
Lyons.....	4 758	4 840	7 600	a.....
Massena.....	2 547	1 950	5 911	100 ..
Mohawk.....	2 044	2 073	4 967	153 ..
Mt Morris.....	2 611	3 300	1 000	a.....
Newark.....	4 554	8 452	18 936	a1 500 ..
North Tarrytown.....	4 750	1 500	2 410	a.....

a Not including tax for school library.

Free libraries in villages 2000-5000 population, 1907 (*concluded*)

VILLAGE	Population	Volumes in library	Circulation	Library tax
Nyack.....	4 441	7 912	38 405	a2 062 50
Palmyra.....	2 096	6 206	13 898	a.....
Patchogue.....	3 446	3 822	23 262	1 000 ..
Penn Yan.....	4 504	5 421	17 581	1 000 ..
Perry.....	3 749	.....	.....	.....
Port Henry.....	2 073	7 950	8 327	200 ..
Potsdam.....	4 162	5 072	14 013	1 200 ..
Rockville Center.....	2 648	3 805	15 356	400 ..
Rye.....	4 076	.....	.....	.....
Sag Harbor.....	3 048	1 737	1 750	a.....
St Johnsville.....	2 172	562	4 452	.....
Saranac Lake.....	3 834	.....	.....	.....
Saugerties.....	3 833	5 563	18 423	625 ..
Scotia.....	2 166	.....	.....	.....
Sidney.....	2 532	3 475	7 782	200 ..
Silver Creek.....	2 073	3 978	1 500	a.....
Solvay.....	4 196	4 625	9 908	1 500 ..
Southampton.....	2 123	10 086	14 189	500 ..
South Glens Falls.....	2 097	1 250	800	a.....
Spring Valley.....	2 583	1 167	1 042	a.....
Springville.....	2 230	6 596	21 838	300 ..
Suffern.....	2 655	.....	.....	.....
Tupper Lake.....	2 769	.....	.....	.....
Walden.....	3 737	1 392	10 481	400 ..
Walton.....	2 911	3 687	18 079	.....
Wappingers Falls.....	3 588	.....	.....	.....
Warsaw.....	3 196	5 159	21 944	1 250 ..
Waterford.....	3 134	3 431	17 090	252 ..
Waterloo.....	4 123	7 971	11 398	.....
Watkins.....	2 957	4 336	7 565	300 ..
Waverly.....	4 915	4 159	8 437	200 ..
Wellsville.....	4 355	8 045	7 375	500 ..
Westfield.....	2 823	14 946	24 602	.....
West Haverstraw.....	2 348	.....	.....	.....
Whitehall.....	4 148	.....	.....	.....
Whitesboro.....	2 018	.....	.....	.....

* Not including tax for school library.

Special reports

Catalogues. The following libraries have rearranged their books or have made new catalogues in whole or in part during the last year:

Auburn, Seymour
Belleville, Philomathean
Belmont
Brewster
Canisteo, Wimodaughian
Corning
Ghent

Hoosick Falls
Madalin, Tivoli
Norwich, Guernsey
Ossining
Schuylerville
West Chazy
West Winfield

New library buildings. New buildings have been completed and occupied within the year ending September 30, 1907 by:

Brooklyn Public Library

East branch..... Nov. 7, 1906

Macon branch..... July 15, 1907

Le Roy Library Association..... Sept. 13, 1907

New York Public Library

Epiphany branch..... Sept. 20, 1907

Fifty-eighth street branch..... May 10, 1907

Hamilton Grange branch..... Jan. 8, 1907

St George "..... June 26, 1907

Stapleton "..... June 17, 1907

Webster "..... Oct. 24, 1906

Pine Bush Library..... July 25, 1907

Queens Borough Library

Flushing branch..... Dec. 17, 1906

Rochester Theological Seminary Library..... Mar. 11, 1907

Rouses Point Dodge Memorial Library..... Feb. 14, 1907

Syracuse University Library..... Sept. 11, 1907

West Chazy, Dodge Library..... Feb. 7, 1907

Westhampton Free Library..... June 12, 1907

Gifts for library buildings. The following libraries report gifts for buildings or ground:

Almond, Twentieth Century

East Rockaway

Jordanville

Newark Valley

Union Springs, Springport

Wellsville

Other library gifts. The following report gifts of various kinds, in money, books, manuscripts, pictures etc:

Amsterdam

Auburn, Seymour

Bedford

Belleville, Philomathean

Camden

Fort Plain

Griffins Corner, Skene

Highland Falls

Hornell

Hunter

Irvington, Guiteau

Johnstown

Keene Center

Keene Valley

Massena

Milton, Sarah Hull Hallock

Montour Falls

Port Washington

Richfield Springs

Roxbury

Seneca Falls, Mynderse

Troy

Walkill

Wappingers Falls, Grinnell

West Hebron

The Olean Public Library organized under the auspices of Free School District no. 1 of Olean was opened January 14, 1907. It has a maintenance fund voted by the district of \$3000 a year and has leased the building and books of the Forman Library Association till such time as it can accept a conditional gift.

Improvements in rooms. In addition to the libraries occupying new buildings the following have enlarged their facilities by opening new rooms, improving old rooms or by moving to larger and better quarters:

Albany, Y. M. C. A.	Mayville
Auburn, Seymour	Ogdensburg
Binghamton	Palmyra, Kings Daughters
Boonville, Erwin	Rochester, Reynolds Library
Buffalo Historical Society	" Fourth Appellate Division Law Library
Elmira, Steele	
Fairport	
Frankfort	Southampton
Friendship	Southold
Hamburg	Waterloo
Hoosick Falls	Westhampton
Jamestown, Prendergast	Yonkers
Lewiston	

Traveling libraries. The following libraries send out selections of books to schools and other places on the traveling library plan:

Auburn, Seymour	Lewiston
Binghamton	Poughkeepsie
Geneseo	

For many other items of interest see "News and notes of New York Libraries" in the quarterly bulletin *New York Libraries* published by the University.

The annual summary of library legislation in the United States, the annual record of gifts to libraries in this State and the reports of library meetings both State and local, which have formerly appeared in this report, will be found this year and probably in future in the current numbers of *New York Libraries*.

Added facilities. While the present work for public libraries is making good progress, important steps are now being taken which promise to enlarge greatly the efficiency of this division. Arrangements have been made for an increase of the visiting force by the

appointment of two library organizers whose special duty it will be to keep in touch with new library enterprises, making prolonged visits, whenever it seems best, and personally preparing the books for circulation while aiding the local library officials to undertake a public service to which they have not been accustomed. At the same time these visitors will, as they pass from place to place, cultivate acquaintance with study clubs and traveling library work and find opportunities to promote the establishment of new libraries. Their aid will be offered to small libraries without any cost beyond that of local entertainment. By this addition the field force of the division will be more than doubled and in a very effective way.

Another step of vital importance is the quarterly publication by the University of a bulletin to be called *New York Libraries*, to provide a channel of easy and frequent communication with all the libraries and their boards of management.

This gives us the opportunity to print general articles, book lists, advice in the selection and purchase of books, answers to questions which the librarians may ask, and fresh news from the field which will promote acquaintance among the libraries and give aid, emphasis and value to the library work on every hand.

The first number of the bulletin with the date of October 1907 and containing 32 pages is in print as the year closes and a large edition is being mailed to libraries and library trustees.

By these two agencies we shall be better equipped than ever before for knowing the field and for making the influence of State supervision still more intelligent, direct and helpful.

Respectfully submitted

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Chief of Division

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